

**City of Milpitas
Approved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
January 28, 2008**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: A. Alcorn, I. Munir, R. Shaw, W. Lam, D. Gupta, N. Gupta, H. Tran

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion

Members Absent: S. Bilgrami, V. Mathur, S. Bansal

City Council: A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of the Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

Staff reported the city council had reappointed commission members Hai Tran and Dinesh Gupta to new terms through January 2010. Staff also reported that commission member Syed Bilgrami submitted a letter of resignation from the telecom commission. Finally, staff reported on the city's commission recognition morning brunch event scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2008.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta / R. Shaw Ayes: 7

V. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 7

VI. Citizen's Forum:

No comments made for the record.

VII. New and Continued Business:

1. Selection of 2008 Telecom Chair and Vice Chair.

The commission's annual selection of a chair and vice chair began with the nominations of members to serve as chair. Commission member Dinesh Gupta began by nominating Albert Alcorn to serve as chair. No other nominations offered. The commission voted to select Albert Alcorn to serve as Telecom Commission chair for 2008.

The commission began nominations to the seat of Vice Chair. Commission member Hai Tran offer the nomination of Dinesh Gupta to serve as Vice Chair on the commission. No other nominations where offered. The Commission closed the nomination and voted to select Dinesh Gupta to serve as Vice Chair on the telecom commission.

1a. EarthLink Wi-Fi Network Update.

Bill Marion, Director of the city of Milpitas' Information Services Department, updated the commissioners on the recent changes to the city's operational agreement with EarthLink Wi-Fi network. City staff has been meeting with EarthLink representatives reviewing the Milpitas/EarthLink Wi-Fi network assets. EarthLink and the city staff are determining the value of continuing its Wi-Fi operations and to investigate another business to take ownership of the wireless network.

City staff and EarthLink have been meeting to come to an equitable resolution to the Milpitas/EarthLink Wi-Fi operational agreement.

As part of the existing agreement the City's public safety network currently utilizes a large portion of the EarthLink Wi-Fi data network as part of its coverage in addition to the city-owned Wi-Fi data network that was installed prior to the EarthLink network operation in January 2007.

If the City of Milpitas were to incur the operations of the EarthLink wireless network the cost of could tally up to \$184,000 annually. Staff has started reviewing any and all options involving the EarthLink Wi-Fi network before making a final decision on the wireless network. Additionally, city staff will need to review the existing contract agreements with PG&E for electrical agreements, the Great Mall for lease agreement for property use, and possible FCC licensing agreements for microwave frequencies.

Staff will be reporting back to the commission and city council on the progress on the negotiations with EarthLink before other definitive actions are taken.

The Commission wanted to also explore the possibilities of having a local tech firm such as Google, SanDisk or Cisco interested in operating the system.

The commission wants to review and investigate all possible options, that city staff presented, that are possibly available in order to maintain the wireless operations in Milpitas. The

commission requested that a possible field trip to some of the locations. Staff noted that it would provide some digital photos of the various installations of the EarthLink Wi-Fi network.

Motion to allow staff to review all viable options for the future use of the Milpitas EarthLink Wi-Fi network and report back with its findings and recommendations.

M/S D. Gupta / N. Gupta Ayes: 7

2. MCTV Studio and Working Group.

Commission D. Gupta expressed his thanks and appreciation to city staff and commissioners Tran, Alcorn and Bilgrami for working continuously on providing support and technical help in operating MCTV 26 throughout 2007.

Chair Alcorn asked with the recent resignation of Bilgrami from the commission how will that role be addressed in maintaining the MCTV26 website.

Commissioner D. Gupta noted that monthly training of community members and possible volunteers are on scheduled and from those additional volunteers will be interested in maintaining the use and operation of the MCTV26 cable studio. The next development of the studio operations will be to create and 501C non-profit operation to help manage and maintain staffing of the cable studio as well as seek outside funding for future programming as directed by the city council.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S D. Gupta / R. Shaw Ayes: 7

3. November – December '07 Information Services Report

Staff reported on the monthly highlights for November and December 2007. The city's online building permitting service is nearing completion and will go live shortly. Staff is creating virtual servers that has been effective in reducing the cost of cooling and maintaining city's data center.

Information services staff have been aiding with the city's public works staff counting and inventory trees for maintenance as part of the city's GPS data base.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 7

4. Roundtable Discussion

Commissioners Shaw asked of the status of representative from the Milpitas Unified School District to serve on the commission. Staff noted that the city clerk's office and the Mayor are reviewing the requirements for this position to be filled.

The commissioners reiterated the need to review the volunteering opportunities for Milpitas residents wanting to use the MCTV 26 studios.

The commissioners also wanted to further review former commissioner Syed Bilgrami's role in volunteering his time in maintaining the MCTV 26 website.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting:

Meeting adjourned to February 25, 2008 commission meeting.